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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S STOPOVER IN LONDON

REF: STATE 55887

1) FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE PROGRAM WHICH FCO PROPOSES
FOR SECRETARY'S LONDON VISIT MARCH 28:

1230 PRIVATE MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY.
NOTE: THURSDAY IS REGULAR CABINET DAY AND
FCO EXPECTS CABINET MEETING ON THE 28TH
WILL BE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ONE.
THEREFORE, IT IS PROBABLY UNLIKELY THAT
CALLAGHAN COULD SEE THE SECRETARY BEFORE
1230.

1300 FOR 1315 LUNCHEON OFFERED BY FOREIGN
SECRETARY, POSSIBLY AT LANCASTER HOUSE.
CALLAGHAN'S WISH IS TO HAVE A RATHER
LARGE LUNCHEON TO WHICH HE WOULD INVITE A
NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED BRITISH

PERSONALITIES OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT IN
ADDITION TO WHITEHALL MINISTERS AND
OFFICIALS. NO GUEST LIST AVAILABLE AT
THIS TIME.

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1500 TALKS AT FCO. BRITISH PARTICIPANTS NOT

YET DECIDED, BUT FCO BELIEVES CALLAGHAN
WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW PRACTICE OF SIR ALEC
AND HAVE ABOUT 6 TO 8 ON A SIDE.

1640 SECRETARY CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER WILSON
AT 10 DOWNING STREET. THIS TIME IS STILL
TENTATIVE.

1700 DEPART NO. 10 FOR HEATHROW.

1800 DEPARTURE FROM HEATHROW.

2. FCO WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOONEST COMPOSITION OF
PARTY ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY TO LONDON AND SPECIFIC
SUBJECTS WHICH US WISHES TO COVER IN TALKS AT FCO.

3. POSSIBILITIES FOR BRIEF MEETING BRITISH-US PRESS
EXIST AFTER LUNCH OR AFTER FCO MEETING. THERE WOULD BE
TIME FOR FULLER CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE.
WE ALSO WILL BE SET UP FOR AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT.
ADVISE. IF LONDON STAY STRETCHES, THERE WOULD BE
OPPORTUNITY FOR JOINT BBC/ITV INTERVIEW, TOO.

4. LIBERAL LEADER JEREMY THORPE HAS REQUESTED BRIEF
(10-MINUTE) MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. THORPE SAID HE
WOULD PREPARE A PAPER FOR THE SECRETARY TO READ IN
ADVANCE SO THAT THEIR MEETING COULD BE VERY BRIEF. WE
INFORMED THORPE WE WOULD SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE DURING
THE SECRETARY'S STOPOVER IN LONDON, AND THORPE INDICATED
HE WOULD BE STANDING BY. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST
SECRETARY'S WISHES ABOUT MEETING THORPE. WE RECOMMEND
THAT THIS BE DONE IF POSSIBLE.

5. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM A
CONSERVATIVE LEADER, IT IS POSSIBLE THERE MIGHT BE SUCH
REQUEST WHICH WE RECOMMEND ALSO BE GRANTED ON THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT CALL WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY BRIEF.

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